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**Gallery Tours on Chinese Bronzes Offered in Mandarin and English
at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Sunday, February 9, 2003, 2:00 p.m.**

A gallery tour will be offered in both Mandarin and English at the Brooklyn Museum of Art on Sunday, February 9, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. Participants will meet in the Grand Lobby. The tour will focus on the special exhibition *Early Chinese Bronzes: From Early Shang to Western Zhou Dynasties* and will be presented by I-Hsuan Chen, a member of the Museum's Department of Asian Art. In a walk-through of the exhibition, Ms. Chen will discuss ancient bronze shapes and designs and trace the development of ancient Chinese culture. Her talk will examine ritual bronzes, wine vessels, and food containers, many of which are adorned with designs typical to Chinese bronzes, such as bird, animal, and dragon patterns.

This will be the last in a series of Gallery Tours of the Chinese bronzes exhibition, which is scheduled to close this spring.

On June 1, 2003, a new Gallery Tour, offered in Mandarin and English, will explore Chinese lacquer, metalwork, and furniture.

These tours are a part of regularly scheduled Gallery Tours, all of which are free with Museum admission. Museum Guides lead tours of the BMA's comprehensive permanent collections and of special exhibitions on Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. There are also programs in Spanish and Russian in the *American Identities* galleries.

To arrange aslide presentation about the Museum's collections and special exhibitions for your civic or cultural organizations or for employee programs, contact the BMA's Museum Guides Coordinator at (718) 501-6225 or e-mail maribeth.flynn@brooklynmuseum.org. To arrange an on-site group tour, contact the Group Tour Coordinator at (718) 501-6234 or e-mail shawndel.fraser@brooklynmuseum.org.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission:

Contribution \$6; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$3. Free to Members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Group tours or visits must be arranged in advance by calling extension 234.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
First Saturday of each month, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.;
all other Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday,
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving,
Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Directions:

Subway: Seventh Avenue express (1 or 2) to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum stop; Lexington Avenue express (4 or 5) to Nevins Street, cross platform and transfer to the 1 or 2. **Bus:** B71, B41, B69, B48. On-site parking available.